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SUBJECT: BELGIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE EC-9: PRE-UNGA
CONSULTATIONS

REFS: A) STATE 150809 (NOTAL) B) STATE 148782

1. PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS: BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY
(WILLEMS) INFORMED US THAT THE BELGIAN EC-9 PRESIDENCY
WOULD BE PLEASED TO CONSULT ON U.N. MATTERS WITH THE U.S.
AS PART OF THE U.S./EC PRESIDENCY DIALOGUE (REFTEL A,
PARA 4). HE SAID PRESIDENCY WOULD PREFER A DATE IN
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SEPTEMBER AFTER THE SEPTEMBER 5-6 POLITICAL DIRECTORS
MEETING AND BEFORE SEPTEMBER 27, WHEN FOREIGN MINISTER
SIMONET ADDRESSES THE UNGA IN HIS ROLE AS EC-9 PRESIDENT.
WILLEMS SAID CONSULTATIONS WITH U.S. AT THAT TIME WOULD
BE ESPECIALLY USEFUL AND TIMELY SINCE THAT POLITICAL DIREC-
TORS ARE EXPECTED TO DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF SIMONET'S
PRESIDENCY SPEECH AS WELL AS ANTICIPATED UNGA ISSUES.

2. ORGANIZING FOR MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY: IN RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT'S THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE ON ORGANIZING FOR MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY, WE WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THE USEFULNESS OF FULL AND TIMELY CONSULTATION ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES WITH THE EC-9 THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF THE EC-9 PRESIDENCY, WHICH WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BELGIUM UNTIL DECEMBER 31. CONSULTATION SHOULD TAKE PLACE PRIMARILY IN BRUSSELS AND SECONDARILY IN NEW YORK OR OTHER APPROPRIATE VENUE. EFFECTIVE EC-9 UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT OF U.S. POSITIONS AND INITIATIVES WILL IN NO SMALL PART DEPEND ON THE QUALITY AND TIMELINESS OF DIALOGUE WITH PRESIDENCY. AS A GENERAL COMMENT, EMBASSY HAS FOUND THAT IT HAS BEEN MOST EFFECTIVE IN SUPPORTING THE DEPARTMENT (AND USUN) ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES WHEN IT IS WELL AND CONTINUOUSLY INFORMED ON THE ISSUES AT PLAY AS THEY DEVELOP. OUR EXPERIENCE ON LAST-GASP EFFORTS TO SWAY VOTES ON PROCEDURAL OR HIGHLY-TECHNICAL RESOLUTIONS IN MULTILATERAL FORA IS THAT NEITHER THE EMBASSY NOR THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT - HOWEVER WELL-INTENTIONED - HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH MUCH. RENNER

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